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In re Application of : Attn: Mail Stop AF

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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING

REUSABILITY OF REFRIGERANT USING: EQUIPMENT OR REFRIGERANT LINES: AND REUSABILITY CHECK TOOL FOR:

REFRIGERANT USING EQUIPMENT OR

REFRIGERANT LINES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 6, 2005 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-9 are pending, with claims 1, 8 and 9 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.